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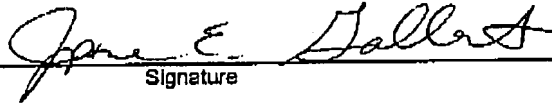
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| Applicant(s): Kenji ANDO et al.   |   |   |                                   |               |
| Invention: Absorbent article and process of producing the same  |   |   |                                   |               |
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